



**Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council**

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**Monday the 28th of April 2025 at 7.15**

**Meeting of the Parish Council at the Village Hall**

**AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies**
- 2 Declaration of Interests**
- 3 To agree the minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> of March**
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes**

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**10 minutes public speaking time**

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- 5 Report from County Councillor**
- 6 Report from District Councillor**
- 7 Communications**
- 8 External Audit Exemption**
- 9 Emergency Plan Update**
- 10 Planning**
  - Pre Planning Advice Common Road site
  - 2025/1017 Hill Farm Barn
  - 2025/1061 School Road
- 11 2025/26 Risk Assessment**
- 12 Footpaths**
- 13 Litter Pick**
- 14 VE Day Celebration Update**
- 15 Any Other Matters**
- 16 Date of next meeting**

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**Parish Clerk**



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## **Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2025**

The meeting opened at 7.15pm

**Present:** Councillors, Chair, Mr M Le Grys, Mrs S Barton, Mr M Edwards, Mrs K Le Grys, Mrs H Farsted McKeown and Miss M Lanchester. Also present were District Councillor Mr J Easter, one member of the public and the clerk, Mr M Mortimer

**1 Apologies**

Dr C Rowett

**2 Declaration of Interests**

There were none.

**3 To Agree the minutes of the 24th of March**

The minutes were agreed and signed

**4 Matters arising from the minutes**

Mrs Barton asked about plans for the village entry signs. Mr Le Grys explained that he was researching types and possible locations and that he hoped a decision could be made at the next meeting.

**Public Speaking Time**

There were no public comments

**5 Report from County Councillor**

Dr Rowett had sent her apologies and a report which is on the website and in the minute book.

**6 Report from District Councillor**

Mr Easter reported that there had been no interest shown by anyone in taking up the proposed new surgery and that the DC may have to compulsorily purchase a strip of land from Morrisons to move the bus depot. He informed councillors that there was to be a debate on solar farms shortly and that the first of the new food waste lorries had been delivered. The report is in the minute book.

**7 Communications**

None not already circulated.

**8 External Audit Exemption**

The external audit exemption form was signed.

**9 Emergency Plan Update**

Mrs Farsted Mckeown reported a good meeting of the sub-committee which had decided to try to establish an action plan which would include an emergency plan involving the other local parishes of Winfarthing and Shelfanger.

**10 Planning**

Mrs Barton agreed to ask a local architect if they would be prepared to help in a pre-planning application.

Approval was recommended for 2025/1017 Hill Farm Barn.

There was a discussion on the School Road development in which a number of issues were raised. Mr Le Grys agreed to formulate a response to South Norfolk to include those concerns.



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**11 Risk Assessment**

The existing risk assessment was adopted for 2025/26,

**12 Footpaths**

Mrs Farsted McKeown raised the ongoing issue of footpath maintenance. Mr Edwards felt that many were in an acceptable state and that with restrictions on clearing them during nesting times it may be better to identify problems in the winter months. Where it is possible to pinpoint a problem the collective knowledge of councillors may be able to establish ownership and the clerk write to the owner. Mr Edwards felt it was not necessary to establish a full inventory before taking action.

**13 Litter Pick**

It was agreed that the PC would organise its own litter pick.

**14 VE Day Update**

There appeared to be no group in the parish able to organise an event though it was noted that the school was marking the anniversary.

**15 Any Other Matters**

There were none

**16 Date of Next Meeting**

27<sup>th</sup> May at 7.15 in the Village Hall